REMARKS

Upon entry of the present Preliminary Amendment, claims 7, 20-25, 28, 29 and 32 will have been amended and claims 39-60 will have been submitted for entry by the Examiner to more clearly recite the subject matter of the invention.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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7. (Amended) A method for switching plural forms of data, comprising:

[having] <u>receiving from</u> an initiating customer <u>a</u> request [a] <u>for at least one</u> service <u>of a plurality of services</u>;

obtaining predetermined data related to the <u>at least one</u> requested service;

instructing the initiating customer to initiate a predetermined setup identifying the requested service, when the requested service is permitted <u>and, in response to the predetermined setup, initiating a network connection based on at least one respective appropriate policy and logic corresponding to the requested service</u>;

passing a <u>first</u> predetermined signal across a network in response to the predetermined setup; [and]

initiating a second predetermined setup, in response to the passed first predetermined signal[, to one of accept and reject the requested service]<u>;</u>

<u>passing a second predetermined signal across the network in response to the second predetermined setup</u>, the second predetermined signal <u>indicating whether to allow the network connection; and</u>

[being provided] <u>providing</u> to the initiating customer, in which multiple service requests are correlated with respective services to enable at least one appropriate policy and logic] <u>a response indicating whether the network connection is allowed</u>.

20. (Amended) A method for switching plural forms of data, comprising:

[initiating] receiving a service request initiated by an initiating customer;

obtaining predetermined data related to at least one of policy and logic of the requested service;

establishing [the service request] a network connection using a first predetermined setup, initiated to realize the requested service, in which multiple predetermined setups are correlated with respective services to enable corresponding at least one appropriate policy and logic; and

initiating a second predetermined setup to one of accept and reject the requested network connection on behalf of the requested service[, in which multiple service requests are correlated with respective services to enable at least one appropriate policy and logic].

21. (Amended) The method of claim 20, wherein [establishing] obtaining the predetermined data for the requested service [request] comprises using a pushing procedure.

22. (Amended) The method of claim 20, wherein [establishing] obtaining the predetermined data for the requested service [request] comprises using a pulling procedure.

23. (Amended) The method of claim 20, wherein [establishing] obtaining the predetermined data for the requested service [request] comprises using a query procedure.

24. (Amended) The method of claim 20, further comprising [a Service Control that requests that] requesting the initiating customer to initiate the predetermined setup as a user-to network interface setup.

25. (Amended) The method of claim 20, wherein establishing the network connection to realize the requested service [request is transferred] comprises transferring the first predetermined setup over an ATM network, the first predetermined setup being redirected from a switching device to a service controller.

28. (Amended) The method of claim 20, wherein [establishing] obtaining the predetermined data for the requested service [further] comprises [including] providing a certificate for establishing the [service request using] network connection in combination with the predetermined setup.

29. (Amended) The method of claim 28, wherein the certificate specifies at least a permitted setup [parameters] parameter.

32. (Amended) The method of claim 28, wherein the certificate further identifies [which] the requested service, which allowed the setup.